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the low sea and river level, and during the rainy season is constantly under water. Drainage is impossible. Filth and drift from the river and sea strand there and remain, without any attempt at removal. The town faces on the north, the south bank of the Prinzapulca; on the east, the Caribbean Sea; on the south and west, long stretches of swampy country. The population numbers at present about 250 negroes, Indians, Spaniards, and white foreigners. The drinking water supply consisted, at the time of my visit, of one half-empty cistern reserved for foreigners, and a few half-dry wells, the water in which was unfit for use. Dysentery and malaria are wide-spread in the small community. Mosquitoes are reported to be numerous. Larvæ were found in great quantities in nearly every water container, and included many of the *Stegomyia calopus*.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Smallpox—Status of cholera in the provinces—Quarantine against plague-infected ports in China—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, March 29 and April 13:

Week ended March 27^a. Quarantinable disease reported for the city of Manila: Smallpox, 8 cases.

Cholera cases and deaths reported to the bureau of health during the week:

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bohol.....	32	20
Capiz.....	29	13
Pampanga.....	5	4
Cagayan.....	2
Negros Occidental.....	61	7
Total.....	129	44

Quarantine against plague-infected ports in China.—In view of the appearance of plague in more or less epidemic form in the coast cities of China, it was deemed advisable to enforce this year the same regulations which have obtained heretofore with regard to the arrival of steerage passengers from Amoy and vicinity.

During the week consular bills of health were issued at the port of Manila as follows: March 26, the British steamship *Schuytkill*, with 48 in crew and 1 passenger, en route from Cebu to Boston and New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo; March 26 the American barkentine *S. N. Castle*, copra laden, with 12 in crew, granted a bill of health for San Francisco. All persons on board inspected at the hour of sailing; March 27 the German steamship *Tringgannu*, with 60 crew and 1 passenger, en route from Singapore to Zamboanga, granted a supplemental bill of health.

Week ended April 10. Smallpox, 27 cases, 1 death.

^a Received out of date.

Cholera cases and deaths reported from the provinces of the Philippines.

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bohol.....	9	7	Cagayan.....	59	41
Capiz.....	8	8	Sorsogon.....	30	20
Cebu.....	7	4			
Pampanga.....	1	1	Total.....	116	82
Rizal.....	2	1			

Consular bills of health issued at the port of Manila as follows:

April 6, the British steamship *Aymeric*, with 34 crew, en route from Newcastle to Cebu, granted a supplemental bill of health. April 7, the British steamship *Otterburn*, with 36 crew, en route from Newcastle to Iloilo, granted a supplemental bill of health. April 7, the British steamship *Cranley*, with 47 crew, en route from Norfolk to Cebu, granted a supplemental bill of health. April 10, the British steamship *Clan McInness*, with 60 crew, en route from Surabaya to San Pedro and San Francisco, Cal., granted a supplemental bill of health, after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo.

RUSSIA.

Report from Libau—Status of cholera in St. Petersburg—Typhus fever in Libau—Examination of emigrants.

Acting Assistant Surgeon De Forest reports, May 7:

Cholera in St. Petersburg from April 29 to May 6, inclusive: 12 cases and 4 deaths. During the past week 1 death from typhus fever occurred in Libau. No new cases.

The steamship *Estonia* sailed May 4 with 632 emigrants on board. All had been in Libau under observation for 5 days, and left here in good physical condition; 119 pieces of baggage disinfected.

FOREIGN AND INSULAR STATISTICAL REPORTS OF COUNTRIES AND CITIES—UNTABULATED.

AFRICA—*Kimberly*.—Month ended April 10, 1909. Estimated population, 44,141. Total number of deaths, 60, including 1 from enteric fever.

ALGERIA—*Bona*.—Month of April, 1909. Estimated population, 42,000. Total number of deaths, 138, including smallpox 13, enteric fever 1, typhus fever 3, whooping cough 2, and 18 from tuberculosis.

ARGENTINA—*Buenos Aires*.—Month of January, 1909. Estimated population, 1,193,148. Total number of deaths, 1,461, including enteric fever 22, smallpox 1, measles 10, scarlet fever 2, whooping cough 2, diphtheria 7, leprosy 1, and 208 from tuberculosis.

Month of February, 1909. Total number of deaths, 1,142, including smallpox 2, enteric fever 26, scarlet fever 3, diphtheria 4, whooping cough 1, and 128 from tuberculosis.

AUSTRALIA.—Quarter ended December 31, 1908. Estimated population, 4,263,782. Total number of deaths, 10,958, including enteric fever 110, measles 28, scarlet fever 19, whooping cough 55, diphtheria 83, plague 1, leprosy 2, and 985 from tuberculosis.